

Updates for the week of August 16th, 2004

Tools

- **REMINDER!** Please visit the following website for resources for patients who speak languages other than English: <http://medspanish.med.unr.edu/images/button/resourcesbutton.htm>
- View the PowerPoint slides from the a CDC Cultural Competency training titled: [Working with Hispanic / Latino Communities in Public Health](#)

Training

- On September 7th and 8th there will be a class titled [Changing Norms: Sustaining Steps Efforts through a Focus on Policy Change and Comprehensive Approaches](#) held at the Tyee Center Conference room in Tumwater Washington. To register for the class contact Kathy Stark @ kathy.stark@doh.wa.gov or register on line at <http://www3.doh.wa.gov/waphtn/classlist.asp?id=226>. We expect that 5 members from each of the 4 Washington State Steps communities and 5 members from the Seattle and King County Steps community will attend along with representatives from our "Healthy Communities" Moses Lake and Mount Vernon.
- On August 25, 2004 from 10-12PM; two expert speakers will discuss how schools work at the district, state, and national levels. They will provide practical tips for how to work with educators, administrators and policy makers. Increase your understanding of where policy and decisions are made in the education system, identify strategies for engaging education leaders, and learn about valuable resources. The Audio Conference and Web Seminar will address "how schools work" and "how to work with schools on public health issues." ***You must RSVP to: webseminar@cdc.gov by August 23, 2004 to participate.*** Instructions for how to participate in the call and for accessing and viewing the slides will be emailed to all who register.
- A Genomics Awareness Course and a Live Web cast will be held on August 19th from 11 AM to 1 PM PDT. The 6 web cast courses are available on demand at: www.genomicawareness.org. Each course is 20 to 60 minutes long and focuses on chronic disease implications of genomics. The course was developed at the University of Michigan and has been adapted for use on an "on-demand" basis by anyone with a fast internet connection under contract with the Chronic Disease Directors association and CDC.
- **REMINDER!** The Stata classroom training will be held Monday and Tuesday August 30th and 31st at The Learning Center at 6300 Linderson Way, Tumwater, Washington 98501. Phone: 360.586.7900. Please visit the [August events calendar](#) for contact information and details.

Conferences

- An open invitation is available to attend the Sept. 1st, State Asthma Summit in Seattle. Training materials may be previewed at <http://www.alaw.org/apl>. Please contact robisond@wsu.edu with any questions.

Information/Update

- **REMINDER!** The regular date and time for the Community Conference Calls has changed. Our new standing time is every other Wednesday at 11:00am. Our next call will be Wednesday, August 18th at 11:00am. Future dates will be announced here.
- [Photo Consent Form](#) Please return this form for all members of your group as policy for future possibilities of posting any pictures of folks to the Web Site. Please fill out and return the photo consent forms as soon as possible. You can fax to Randy Pritchett at (360) 236-3717 or mail to:
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 Steps to a Healthier WA Program
 7211 Cleanwater Lane, Bldg. 13
 MS 7855
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 Attention: Randy Pritchett*
- World Asthma Day was in May, but the fight against asthma continues year-round. To commemorate World Asthma Day 2004, the Global Initiative for Asthma published a summary of "The Global Burden of Asthma." It has some interesting maps on the geographic trends and worldwide prevalence of asthma. You may view this publication at:
www.pulmicortrespules.com/email/boa_sum.pdf.
- Funding is now available to support innovative approaches to the management of care in the Aging Services Network. The Administration on Aging expects to award up to 20 projects at up to \$50,000 each under this program. The due date for applications is September 10, 2004. A copy of the full program announcement, including application instructions, can be found at:
<http://www.aoa.gov/>